

NATIONAL PARK
SERVICE

Namekagon Visitor Center
Box 100, Trego, WI 54888 715 635-8346
Hours Memorial Day to Labor Day; 9 - 4:30,
Closed Tues & Weds; Weekends May &
Sept. Office hours vary, call and leave
message
Facilities Visitor center, ranger office
Program emphasis St. Croix Riverway-
Namekagon River, endangered species, river
ecology
Reservations Yes, 2 weeks in advance

Marshland Education Center
15975 Hwy 70, Pine City, MN 55063
320 629-2148
Hours By appointment only, contact office.
Facilities Visitor center, ranger office,
auditorium, hiking trails
Program emphasis Riverway ecology,
orientation, wildlife
Reservations Yes, 2 weeks in advance

St. Croix Visitor Center
PO Box 708, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024
715 483-3284
Hours May to October; 8:30 - 5, Oct.
through April; M - F, 8:30 - 4:30
Facilities Visitor center, ranger office,
auditorium
Program emphasis Orientation to the
riverway, river ecology, river preservation,
logging
Reservations Yes, 2 weeks in advance

MINNESOTA DEPT. OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

Afton State Park
6959 Peller Ave. S., Hastings, MN 55033
651 436-5391
Hours 8 AM - 10 PM

Facilities Visitor center self-guided trail,
hiking, backcountry camping, picnicing,
beach, volleyball, group camp
Program emphasis Self-guided interpre-
tation of prairie
Fees Vehicle permit required
Reservations No program staff available at
this time. Call for special events.

Minnesota Interstate State Park
Box 254, Taylors Falls, MN 55084
651 465-5711
Hours Memorial Day to Labor Day: 9:30 -
5:30
Facilities Interpretive center, self-guided
trail, hiking, picnicing, camping, canoe
rental, boat tours
Program emphasis Geology, natural/
cultural history, outdoor skills
Fees Vehicle permits required
Reservations Yes, contact naturalist 3
weeks in advance

St. Croix State Park
Rt. 3, Box 450, Hinckley, MN 55037
320 384-6615
Hours Park: 8 - 10. Visitor center varies
seasonally, call for hours
facilities Visitor center, beach and picnic
area, volleyball, bike, horse, and hiking
trails, bike and canoe rental, campground,
group camps
Program emphasis Natural and cultural
history of the park
Fees Vehicle permits required
Reservations Yes, 2 weeks in advance

Wild River State Park
39797 Park Trail, Center City, MN 55012
651 583-2925
Hours Park: 8 - 10 Visitor center varies
seasonally. Call for hours
Facilities Visitor center, trail center, picnic
shelter, campground, group camp, horse
camp, canoe & back pack camping, trails,

boat access, rentals
Program emphasis Cultural and natural
history of the area, outdoor skills, teacher
workshops, resource management, and
prairie restoration.
Fees Vehicle permits required
Reservations Yes, 3 weeks in advance

William O’Brien State Park
16821 O’Brien Trail N., Marine-On-
St. Croix, MN 55047 651 433-0506/
0500
Hours Year-round. Call for hours
Facilities Trail/Interpretive center, picnic
shelters, beach, canoe rental, boat launch,
campgrounds, trails
Program emphasis Natural and cultural
history of park and local area, global
environmental concerns, recreational skills
Fees Vehicle permit required
Reservations Yes, 3 weeks in advance

WISCONSIN DEPT. OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

Crex Meadows Wildlife Area
Ranger Station, Box 367, Grantsburg, WI
54840 715 463-2896
Hours M - F; 7:45 - 4:30. Weekends; 10 -
4 (spring and summer), or by appointment.
Facilites Visitor center, hiking trails,
observation areas, self-guided auto tour
booklets
Program emphasis Wildlife ecology and
management

Governor Knowles State Forest
PO Box 367, Grantsburg, WI 54840
715 463-2898
Hours 7:45 - 4:30
Facilities Hiking trails, ski trails, group
camping (by reservation only)

Willow River State Park
Rt. 2, Hudson, WI 54016 715 386-5931
Hours 6 AM - 11 PM (park hours)
Facilities Nature center with classrooms, 2
self-guided nature trails
Program emphasis Prairie restoration,
preservation of the natural world in an urban
setting
Fees Vehicle permit required
Reservations Yes

Wisconsin Interstate State Park
PO Box 703, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024
715 483-3747
Hours Park: 6 - 11. Center: 8:30 - 4:30
Facilities Ice Age Interpretive Center with
auditorium and exhibits, beach and bath house,
picnic shelters, family and group camping,
trails, boat launch
Program emphasis Ice Age geology, natural
and cultural history
Fees Vehicle permit required, no charge for
buses on scheduled school programs
Reservations Yes, 2 weeks in advance

OTHER AREAS
Belwin Outdoor Education Center
Agency St. Paul Public Schools
1553 Stagecoach Trail S., Afton, MN 55001
651 436-5243
Hours 8 - 4
Facilities Nature center, classroom buildings
Program emphasis Science curriculum for St.
Paul Schools. Call or write for separate
listings.
Reservations Yes, used by St. Paul and
Stillwater Public Schools only. Call for
additional information.

Burnett County Historical Museum
7421 Apple St. W., Webster, WI 54893
715 866-8263, Office; 715 349-2219
Hours M - F, 9 - 5
Facilities Historical Museum
Program emphasis History of region from
geology to european settlement

Fees \$1/Adults, \$2/Family, \$.50/Children,
members free
Reservations No, except groups

Cable Natural History Museum
PO Box 416, Cable, WI 54821715 798-
3890
Hours Tue - Sat; 10 - 4, Sundays, June - Aug;
10 - 2
Facilities Museum, hiking trails
Program emphasis Natural history of the
region

Camp Sunrise
15 South 5th St., Suite 750, Minneapolis,
MN 55402 651 338-1233
Facility address 10800 495th St., Rush
City, MN 55069 612 358-3180
Operating Hours Variable
Facilities Lodge, log cabin tipi, game fields,
equipment
Program emphasis Work and camping
experience in a multicultural environment for
Summer Youth Employment Programs
Reservations Yes, limited availability to
other non-profit groups

Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center
12805 St. Croix Trail, Hastings, MN 55033
651 437-4359
Hours 8:30 - 4:30 daily with exceptions for
holidays and special events
Facilities Visitor center, live birds of prey,
trails including handicap accessible, one mile
river frontage, snowshoe rental
Program emphasis Diverse natural history
curricula
Reservations Group reservations accepted
quarterly

Forts Folle Avoine Historical Park
CTH U, Danbury, WI 54830
715 866-8890, Office: 715 349-2219
Hours Memorial Day to Oct., 9 - 5
Facilities Visitor center, historic site, 2
reconstructed forts, reconstructed Ojibwe

village, 2 outdoor amphitheaters, dock
Program emphasis Fur trade history, guided tours in period costume
Fees \$3/adult, \$1.50/student, \$7.50/family, members free, special group rates
Reservations No, except groups

Lee and Rose Warner Nature Center
Agency The Science Museum of Minnesota
15375 Norell Ave N, Marine-on-St Croix, MN 55047 Reservations: 651 221-9444 Info: 651 433-2427
Hours Seasonal sessions (call for info)
Facilities Nature center, classroom, and lunchroom on 500 acres of woodland, lakeshore, and bog
Program emphasis Seasonal changes of natural world
Fees None for groups during school year; moderate fee for summer sessions
Reservations Yes

North West Company Fur Post
Agency Minnesota Historical Society
PO Box 51, Pine City, MN 55063
651 2 629-6356
Hours May 1 to Labor Day; 10 - 5, Sun.; Noon - 5 PM
Program emphasis Fur trade history in Minnesota
Reservations Yes for groups

Wilder Forest
14189 Ostlund Trail N., Marine-on-St. Croix, MN 55047 651 433-5198/5199
Hours Office hours: 8 - 5, M - F; open daily year-round, 24 hours/day
Facilities 1124 acres, meeting facilities, overnight group lodging and food service, group day and overnight camp, educational farm, trails
Program emphasis School programs, sustainable agriculture
Fees School field trip fee: \$2/student; Overnight camping and lodging varies
Reservations Yes Open to non-profit educational, cultural, and human service organizations

Wildlife Science Center
5463 W. Broadway, Forest Lake, MN 55025 651 464-3993
Hours Daily, variable
Facilities Classroom, fire ring, captive wildlife including wolves, bears, raptors
Program emphasis Wolf and wildlife research, animal behavior
Fees Variable, group and individual rates
RESERVATIONS Yes

YMCA Camp St. Croix/Environmental Center

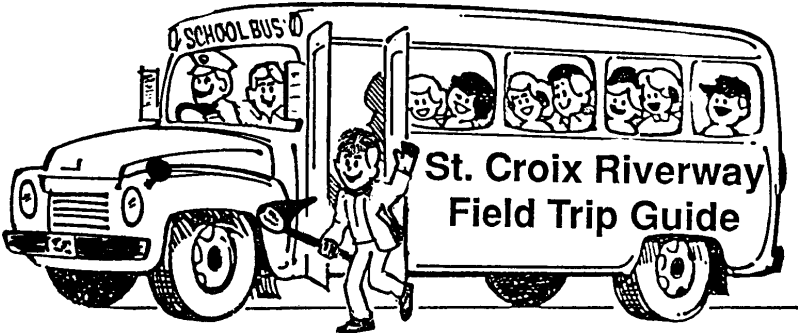
Agency YMCA of Greater St. Paul
532 Co. Rd. F, Hudson, WI 54016
651 436-8428/715 386-2662
Hours Year-round
Facilities Residential environmental learning center, 450 acres, 2 miles river frontage, 3 meeting lodges, cabins,
Program emphasis K - 12 environmental education youth camping, weekend conference and retreat facilities
Fees Based on meals, lodging, and program (\$15 - \$30/day)
Reservations Yes



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Let us help you explore the scenic and historic St. Croix River Valley.

St. Croix Riverway Field Trip Planning Guide



This guide provides teachers, group leaders, and parents with information for locating field trip sites in the St. Croix River Valley. The facilities listed in this guide include the following Minnesota and Wisconsin sites, from north to south:

- Cable Area Natural History Museum
- Namekagon Visitor Center,
- St. Croix National Scenic Riverway (NSR)
- Forts Folle Avoine Historical Park
- Burnett County Historical Museum
- St. Croix State Park
- Crex Meadows Wildlife Area
- Governor Knowles State Forest
- North West Company Fur Post
- Marshland Education Center, St. Croix NSR
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- Minnesota Interstate State Park
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- Willow River State Park
- Camp St. Croix/St. Croix Environmental Center
- Belwin Outdoor Education Laboratory
- Afton State Park
- Carpenter Nature Center